

Amendment to Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A haemostatic composition comprising:

a quantity of powdered vancomycin homogenized with a quantity of biocompatible carrier to form a paste for use on a cut bone surface or an exposed bone surface, the quantity of powdered vancomycin and the quantity of biocompatible carrier is in a ratio of 1 to 1, gram weight to cubic centimeter volume, the quantity of powdered vancomycin provides an effective amount of haemostasis ~~additionally providing and provides~~ antibacterial protection against gram-positive bacteria.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (original): The haemostatic composition of claim 1, wherein the quantity of biocompatible carrier is selected from the group consisting of sterile water, aqueous saline solution and Lactated Ringers.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The haemostatic composition of claim 1, wherein the paste has a spreadable consistency and ~~is capable of adhering~~ adheres to the cut bone surface or the ~~expose~~ exposed bone surface ~~and provides an effective amount of haemostasis~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A haemostatic composition comprising:

An admixture of a quantity of powdered vancomycin and a quantity of biocompatible carrier for use on a cut bone surface or an exposed bone surface, the ratio of the quantity of powdered vancomycin to the quantity of biocompatible carrier is 1 to 1, gram weight to cubic centimeter volume, the quantity of powdered vancomycin provides an effective amount of haemostasis ~~and additionally providing provides~~ antibacterial protection against gram-positive bacteria, the quantity of biocompatible carrier being selected from the group consisting of sterile water, aqueous saline solution and Lactated Ringers.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The haemostatic composition of claim 5, wherein the admixture forms a paste, the paste having a spreadable consistency and ~~being capable of adhering~~ adheres to the cut bone surface or the exposed bone surface and ~~providing an effective amount of haemostasis.~~

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A haemostatic composition comprising:

a quantity of powdered vancomycin homogenized with a quantity of biocompatible carrier to form a paste for use on a cut bone surface or an exposed bone surface, the paste having a spreadable consistency and adheres to the cut bone surface or the exposed bone surface to provide an effective amount of haemostasis, the quantity of powdered vancomycin additionally providing antibacterial protection against gram-positive bacteria, the quantity of powdered vancomycin and the quantity of biocompatible carrier being in a ratio of 1 to 1, gram weight to cubic centimeter volume.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (original): The haemostatic composition of claim 8, wherein the quantity of biocompatible carrier is selected from the group consisting of sterile water, aqueous saline solution and Lactated Ringers.